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RIO DE JANEIRO, JUNE 23rd, 1891.

THE legislative record of the first week of the first republican congress, can not be considered to afford a very promising outlook for the session. The delay of arrivals of the members, the constant adjournments for lack of quorum, and the tendency to indulge in political controversy, all serve to confirm the fear that the session will be an almost sterile one. It was anticipated, of course, that much of the first week would be devoted to organization, but in view of the urgency of so many important questions it was hoped that not a moment would be lost in initiating solid work. It may not be proper for an outsider to offer suggestions, but in our opinion the first act of both chambers after the election of officers should have been the election, or appointment, of a number of standing committees, which should have been instructed to prepare at once drafts of laws on the various subjects this General Assembly ought to consider. This would have led to a proper apportionment of the work, and would have fixed the responsibility for preparing and advocating these bills on definite committees. The initiative in these matters ought never to be left to the government, nor can it be left to chance.

BEFORE carrying the contract for sanitary works into execution, would it not be good policy for the municipality to consult a few recognized sanitary engineers as to the character of the works proposed? These proposed works will cost a very large sum of money, and they must have a very decided influence, good or bad, on the health of the city. Both of these considerations are vitally important, and the works should not therefore be begun without mature study. In our opinion, the proposal to repave the streets on cement for the purpose of suppressing poisonous exhalations, is a very serious mistake. Covering the streets with cement, may prevent the gases I am rising in them, but will it not divert these gases in greater quantities to the unpaved grounds and areas of neighboring buildings? These gases and the moisture of the earth must find some escape in so hot a climate, and it would certainly seem far less prejudicial to health to permit their escape in the open street. As the city can not afford to throw away money on such an experiment, nor to further endanger the public health, it would certainly seem wiser to submit the question to some competent sanitary engineer.

ANOTHER blow has been given Gen. Ruy Barbosa's grand financial schemes, based as they were upon citations from authorities of nearly every nationality, by the decision of the minister of finance to reduce the value of the pound sterling to £2000 in estimating duty payments to be collected in gold. We are now returned to Sr. João Alfredo's famous sliding scale, by which duties accompany the fluctuations in the exchange market. But with this difference; Sr. João Alfredo levied his duties in paper and increased these when the exchangeable value of the milreis became depreciated; Sr. Arraipa, by Gen. Barbosa's scheme, decreases his duties as gold declines. Thus it appears that, after all the columns of print filled by the great Brazilian financier we are precisely where we were *consule João Alfredo!* This result must be as surprising to Gen. Barbosa as to Sr. João Alfredo, and as satisfactory to the latter as distasteful to

the former. The only feature lacking to make the present and the past similar in every respect is for the *industria nacional* to come forward and insist upon Sr. Arraipa levying duties in gold without regard to the market value of one milreis in currency. We are not entirely sure that this cry would not meet with our approval under existing circumstances. The foremost advocates of the present sliding scale were among the opponents of Sr. João Alfredo; these same advocates were found in complaining of the effect produced on the exchange market by the appearance of the Treasury as a taker; yet they now consider it perfectly correct that the revenue of the republic should be levied in currency at an excessive rate of exchange, from which must result the re-appearance of the Treasury in the exchange market and a return to precisely the same state of affairs as existed before Gen. Ruy Barbosa started an admiring world with those carefully collected opinions of living and dead financiers, to prove that duties levied in gold were a panacea for all, or nearly all, of the evils afflicting the Brazilian Treasury and its relations with foreign creditors.

OF the English and Irish immigrants who arrived here in February last, many have already come to grief. They were sent up to São Paulo where the majority of them still remain, but some have found their way back to this city, a considerable number have gone to Paraná, and for a time a large number were living a life of vagabondage in the streets of Santos. There are a dozen or so still there without means and without employment, and subscriptions are being solicited to send one poor woman back home. Of those who came back to Rio, one case deserves particular mention. Not a month ago two married couples—one English and the other Irish—returned to this city, and appear to have made a great part of the journey on foot. They arrived here in a state of extreme destitution and exhaustion, and found shelter only through the benevolence of a stranger. The two men obtained work, but both soon took yellow fever and died. The English woman also died, more from destitution, perhaps, than fever, and left a half-starved little girl, two or three years old, to the charity of strangers. The other woman escaped the fever, but is extremely poor and in a delicate condition and will eventually be sent back home. This is perhaps no worse than many other cases which have happened, but it shows what the English immigrant may expect in a country so different in every respect from what he has been accustomed to. All these people complain of the deceptions practised to induce them to emigrate, while some of them complain of deliberate swindles which ought to be exposed and punished. One of these appears to be the sale of tickets to interior localities, which are found to be worthless on their arrival here. There are no inducements whatever in Brazil for farm and unskilled laborers, and the more thoroughly that fact is advertised throughout Great Britain, the better.

From the *Jornal do Commercio* of June 16th.

## THE MESSAGE.

We greatly doubt that the President has faithfully performed his constitutional duty in the message which he yesterday sent to congress on the opening of the legislative session. What the constitution intends in Art. 49 § 9 is that the President on this occasion should describe the state of the country besides indicating the measures he considers urgently necessary to the proper transaction of public business.

The message which was yesterday read to the two houses, assembled, in our opinion an constitutionally, in joint session, is a weak, colorless and disjointed statement of unimportant facts in regard to certain branches of administration. It is an abatement of a speech from the throne, divested of the gravity and splendor which popular imagination clothes these utterances of monarchs.

Neither the President nor his ministers—his constitutional assistants—have imbued the spirit of republicanism. One can understand that during a military dictatorship they should give no account of themselves, or that the account rendered should be incomplete and tardy; one can understand, for instance, that it is only now that Dr. Ruy Barbosa's report is distributed. But what is inexcusable is that when the President's message was sent to congress, it was not accompanied with the annual reports which the constitution requires to be addressed by the ministers to the President. (Art. 51).

In the United States, whose experience we should follow in all these useful points in public matters, the President's message is a full, though concise, statement of public affairs, and this statement is founded on the minister's reports which are at the same time laid before congress.

Here we have only one report and in this the President did not see proper to enter into details in regard to the state of the country. Not even in

Russia would less respect be shown for public opinion and for parliament.

It is true that the message promises details on many subjects, such as the treaties in the United States on arbitration and custom-house tariffs, that at Montevideo with the Argentine Republic, those of the regulations for joint-stock companies and the reorganization of several branches of the public service.

But why was not information on these subjects furnished at the same time as the message? Why did not the President's secretaries perform the duty of preparing their reports?

In the time of the monarchy there were unjustifiable delays in the publication of the minister's reports, and the parliamentary sessions were thus unnecessarily prolonged. And yet the ministers—the real constitutional power—were members of the legislature. Now, instead of commencing the new regime by strictly observing the constitution and by giving the country all possible information on the state of its affairs, the President, the dictator of yesterday, has failed to display the scrupulous respect, which his judgment should have dictated to him, for enlightened public opinion. His message tells us almost nothing and disappoints the country's expectation of obtaining information, to which it had and has an unlighted right.

We shall say nothing here of the inconsistency with which some of President Deodoro's recommendations are made. What value, for instance, has his opinion that "it is necessary to reorganize the municipal government of the federal district" (as the *Journal* has always contended) when not a week ago his paternal government made a grant for building and operating a new railway and demanded by the people of this district and directly contrary to acquired rights? How can we believe the President is serious in his recommendation, when he discredits the municipal government by granting such an exceptional favor?

As to public instruction, why does he not leave that to the states? Why this "complete and harmonious organization on a new basis" for a service that in its nature is local?

Why this haste in selecting the site of a new capital, if not with the desire to make use of the services of favorite engineers?

And above all, why this condemnation of the different branches of the service of immigration, and without investigations of verified competence, which this proposal, which originates in such a singular manner, of placing this service in "private hands under government inspection?"

If by Art. 64 of the constitution the public lands belong to the states, what have the ministers to do with handling this service over to private enterprises?

As to the question of guarantee of interest, the message is likewise contradictory: one part of it proposes to alienate the state railways, another to give new guarantees to mortgage banks that will advance money to central factories.

In regard to the state of the treasury we are merely informed that "the financial system will necessarily have to undergo some alteration," and that the revenue, estimated at 140,000,000\$ in 1889, is calculated this year to amount to 200,000,000\$, an increase of 22% per annum, and the message ends by saying that, with prudence and with scrupulous collection of taxes, financial equilibrium will soon be established.

In regard to the state of the treasury, the collection of taxes, the public debt, banking deposits and circulation nothing is said—and still less are there any recommendations in regard to the alteration which "the financial system will necessarily have to undergo."

Thus the President has neglected to furnish the information that should have been prepared for the opening of congress and the delay can only be excused by those who are indifferent to administrative discipline and seriousness.

The new regime, which should have begun well, has begun badly. Everywhere we see the same confusion, the same want of judgment and the same blunders.

## BONDED WAREHOUSES.

The custom house inspector has issued the following regulations, published on the 21st inst. The inspection of the custom house consisting of the authorization which was granted him by the decree of the department of finance on June 17th, 1891, has decided that for the definite clearance of merchandise discharged into bonded warehouses there shall be, at once, observed the following instructions:

1st—The agents of steamship companies or captains of vessels, the owners or consignees of merchandise destined to be deposited, must present together with the application, wherein they ask permission for depositing these two similar (original and duplicate) lists, organized in accordance with the annexed form, in which are to be described, without amendments or erasures, the packages, number, description and quantity, together with the quality of the contained merchandise, the name of the vessel bringing it and the date of entry.

2nd—The mentioned application and annexed list will be presented to the manifest clerk for the fulfillment of the agreement between the declarations in such documents, with those that appear on the manifest.

3rd—The deposit granted, the lists will be dated and signed by the depositor, presented to the employe of the 1st section charged with this service, who will place in the proper space the number of the order which belongs to it, in the scale of deposits for the warehouse referred to, and, after the installing by the chief of the section, will serve as the original deposit bond and the duplicate will be at once sent to the respective warehouse, in substitution of the *gura* to which refers Art. 237 of the consolidated custom house laws.

4th—The bonds (*lemas*) thus organized will replace for all legal effects the special book to which Art. 238 of the consolidated laws refer, for which until they will be filed in the 1st section and bound by years or half years numbered, initiated separately for each warehouse.

5th—The owner or consignee of merchandise deposited who intends to clear it for consumption, will present the papers duly organized at the warehouse, or store, for the specification of the discharge

and receipt of the said merchandise, the ordinary forms for the clearance of goods discharged into the custom house stores to be after observed.

6th—The order for delivery to which Art. 249 of the consolidated laws refer will be substituted by an application signed by the *comprador* of the clearance who is to order the delivery, the said application to contain all the requisites demanded in similar documents relative to packages discharged into the custom house stores.

7th—Within six months after the date of the deposit the respective bonds will be liquidated, the conferring with the manifest made and the packages uncleared or not delivered inventoried for the purposes, determined by the consolidated laws.

8th—There remains in force the obligation upon the stockholders of bonded warehouses to forward upon the same day that the discharge is made, or at the latest upon that following, unless it be a holiday, a document extracted from the counter-bill book showing the merchandise received in conformity with Art. 249, under the penalties prescribed in Art. 270, both of the said consolidated laws, if it be not done.

## SANTOS ATHLETIC CLUB.

"THE ELEVEN" vs. "THE NEXT 26."  
The above match was played on Sunday, June 4th, and resulted in a victory for the "Eleven."

### First Team.

F. J. Colbourne, ct. Samelson, k. Tross.....	5
A. L. Tweedie, ct. Young, k. Tross.....	5
A. Harley, k. Tross.....	—
D. A. Beaver, ct. and b. Tross.....	—
W. T. Amerson, k. Tross.....	3
F. W. Gepp, ct. F. H. Gepp, b. Tross.....	—
W. Fletcher Jr., ct. Skeby, b. Orsler.....	2
H. Born, run out.....	—
J. M. Hawkins, k. Tross.....	—
H. Barton, k. Tross.....	3
C. H. Lloyd, ct. Ashton, k. Orsler.....	—
R. A. Samall, stumped Caley, b. Tross.....	4
W. P. Moulmer, ct. F. H. Gepp, b. Tross.....	3
J. Barclay, run out.....	2
A. Sell, ct. and b. Tross.....	1
E. W. Wyard, run out.....	—
A. E. Dewar, retired hurt.....	—
J. O'Doherty, ct. Young, k. Tross.....	12
A. Lee, not out.....	—
C. E. Deaneast, b. Orsler.....	7
G. O. Templey, ct. Fussell, b. Tross.....	1
H. Moses, b. Orsler.....	1
J. Lockley, b. Orsler.....	—
P. Boyle, k. Orsler.....	—
P. Pond, k. Tross.....	—
H. K. Heyland, ct. and b. Tross.....	1
Eyes.....	4
Leg lyes.....	1
Wide balls.....	2
.....	45

### "THE ELEVEN."

#### First Team.

A. C. E. Skeby, L. B. W., k. Tweedie.....	1
P. S. Barber, ct. Beaver, b. Colbourne.....	7
J. Elworthy, b. Barclay.....	20
H. Tross, b. Barclay.....	32
H. Fussell, ct. Born, b. Barclay.....	3
F. H. Gepp, b. Colbourne.....	7
C. W. Young, k. Barclay.....	7
H. P. Caley, not out.....	10
E. M. Samelson, ct. Samall, k. Barclay.....	4
J. Ashton, ct. Amerson, k. Barton.....	3
W. Orsler, not out.....	—
Leg lyes.....	1
Wide balls.....	5
No balls.....	1
.....	101

F. J. COLBOURNE, Hon. Sec.

From the *Chilian Times*.

## IMPORTANT DECREE.

A decree, of which the following is a translation, relating to traffic with interdicted ports, has been issued from the ministry for foreign affairs: Santiago, April 22, 1891.

"The government, with the view of avoiding complications with the representatives of foreign powers and of conveniently regulating the service has resolved to limit the extent and application of the decree of the 1st instant, so that, in future, the measures which the government is disposed to take with respect to that matter may be clearly defined.

These definitions are the following:  
1. The clearance of steamers and vessels from any port of the republic for any of the ports occupied or which may be occupied by the revolutionists will not be permitted.

2. Any vessel proceeding from ports occupied by the revolutionists, or which may have touched at them in transit, will not be received in any port of the republic, except in the case of a special concession, which will be refused if the vessel should carry nitrate, iodine, or other substances, which by law are subject to the payment of export duty."

The maritime authorities have been instructed strictly to enforce the preceding decree.

## PERUVIAN TARIFF DECREE.

The President of Peru has issued a decree admitting free duty into that republic the following articles: Live sheep and cattle, dried meats, salt beef, dried, smoked or pickled fish, wheat and corn, potatoes, and all other vegetables, eggs, cheese, chestnuts, peas, beans, rice, rape seed, herbs and spices, and has decreed an export duty of 20 soles silver per head on cattle exported and 2 soles per head on sheep exported. This action, as announced in the decree, is in consequence of the scarcity and consequent high price of food in Peru caused by the floods that have followed the heavy rains throughout the country, and by the enormous demands for all forms of food caused by the war in Chili. The export of provisions from Peru to the armies of the insurgents along the coast of Chili has so reduced the stock of flour and meats that speculators have taken advantage of the situation and advanced the price of beef to 40 cents per pound in the Lima and Callao markets, where flour and bread are held at similar prices.

From the *Journal do Commercio* of June 18th.

### IMMIGRATION AND COLONIZATION.

On the third page of the present number of the *Journal do Commercio* we insert some important data which the present minister of agriculture has caused to be collected in regard to the number and nature of the contracts made by his predecessors—especially by Sr. Francisco Glycerio—for the introduction and settlement of immigrants and for the settlement of native laborers on private and public lands.

The first table embraces ten contracts, five made by Sr. Antonio Prado in December, 1888, and five by Sr. Glycerio from July to October, 1890. These contracts refer only to the introduction of immigrants. To the contractors, among whose names we note those of Messrs. Florita & Co., A. Florita, Fonseca & Cunha and others (altogether for 650,000 immigrants), Candido Figueiredo, J. N. de Vincenzi & Sons and others, from three to ten years were given for the total importation of 1,257,000 immigrants.

If the maximum is attained, these contracts alone will bring into the country a quarter of a million of immigrants per annum for the years 1891, 1892 and 1893. The expense contracted for each immigrant, that is the cost of passage money, is from \$6.10 to \$6.15, 0 for adults, from \$3.50 to \$3.70 for children under 12 and from \$1.12 to \$1.13, 9 for children from 3 to 8 years old.

The whole expense is calculated at \$7,141,268, or the average yearly sum of \$714,126 for the 10 years.

It would seem that this number of immigrants would be more than enough, in view of the assimilated capacity of our feeble organism, and that Minister Glycerio, who had alone authorized the introduction of 886,000 immigrants, not counting the number contracted for by his predecessor, should have been satisfied, especially in view of the liabilities which would therefore result for the treasury. Those contracts, however, were merely the beginning of a regular carnival of grants for establishing colonies and settling families.

Table No. 2, which we publish to-day, embraces 255 contracts of this kind. Eighteen, we believe, were not signed by Sr. Glycerio, but the rest—237—were all the work of this baleful minister.

In a previous number of the *Journal do Commercio* we published an abstract of these grants, showing only the number of families contracted for and the states in which the proposed colonies, or *lavouras*, were to be established. There were 27 contracts lacking in that list, which the government now enables us to complete.

From this list it appears that from June to December, 1890, the ex-minister of agriculture made grants embracing 47½ millions of hectares—nearly 1,800,000 embraced in grants made by his immediate successors (?);—i.e., about 1,400 colonies in which were to be settled 1,200,000 families or 6,000,000 inhabitants—all this besides the 18 contracts of his predecessors, which would increase the number of families to 1,372,000—involving grants of nearly 50,000,000 hectares of land.

The term of these contracts varies from 3 to 50 years, but 15 years may be considered the average.

The state binds itself to grant the favors established by Sr. Glycerio in Decrees No. 528 of June 28, and No. 964 of November 7, 1890.

The present government, calculating its maximum responsibility in virtue of these contracts, found that they reach the fabulous sum of \$24,500,000, or after deducting the value of the public lands purchased, 774,000,000.

We, however, will take into account only the premium of 450¢ per family and the kilometer subsidy for the colonial railways. The liability resulting from these two sources alone amounts to 700,000,000 or 46,000,000 for each year of the average term of 15 years—not counting the 7,000,000 per annum, for 10 years, in virtue of the contracts in the first table. So that with this service alone we should spend a sum equal to one-fourth of the public revenue before discriminating the part belonging to the states.

The best way of relieving ourselves of this stupendous liability is to leave it on paper, beyond which the greater part will never pass. In fact, some two months ago we saw an authorized defence of Sr. Glycerio founded on the statement that the greater part of the grants will never be executed.

Let the government continue to cancel all of these contracts it can and demand the strict fulfilment of the obligations assumed by the contractors.

From October 3rd to January 8th, in those 3 months only, Barão de Lucena succeeded in cancelling 15 of these contracts or 6 per cent. of the whole number. Let the government continue to do this, and, above all, let it beware of speculators who make use of these liabilities as an *ad terrorem* argument to induce it to assume liabilities, not prospective like these, but real, not eventual, but immediate.

### THE ACCIDENT TO THE P. S. N. C. STEAMER "BRITANNIA."

This was a much more serious character than was at first reported. The main shaft broke between two of the collars in the thrust block, about 600 miles south of Valparaiso, on Monday evening, the 4th inst., when the steamer was over 200 miles from any port, and nearly opposite the island of Tres Montes, one of the worst parts of the dangerous Chilean coast. At least two days would have to elapse before the same Company's steamer *Galicia*, then due at Sandy Point, could overtake the *Britannia*. Captain Brown of the latter ship decided to try and steam slowly back to the nearest port. And, it being found that the break, being of a jagged character, it was possible to still work the shaft. For the first twenty-four hours, needless to say, a very anxious time was spent by all on board, and especially by the captain and his staff. The boats were fully provisioned, special boat drill was held, and everything made ready in case of a complete break-up of the shaft, and it

being found necessary to leave the ship. Fortunately, however, no bad weather was experienced, and Captain Brown, finding the shaft holding together so well, decided on trying to make Talcahuano, which port the *Britannia* safely reached in the evening of the 8th inst. The *Galicia*, which the *Britannia* on the morning of that day, and assisted her for a few hours. The sudden appearance of the two vessels at Talcahuano created for a little time rather a scare on shore, it being thought, until their nationality was discovered, that they formed part of the hostile fleet. The *Britannia* now lies in that port, pending the arrival from Liverpool of the necessary portion of the machinery to repair the damage. The passengers, mails and specie, as well as some cargo for Sandy Point and Montevideo, were transferred to the *Polopi*, and duly arrived at the Mount on Monday morning.—*B. A. Standard*, May 28th.

### RIVER PLATE ITEMS.

—Gold was quoted at \$17.65 per sovereign, or at 320, in Buenos Aires yesterday.

—The Argentine Congress asks the government to send in an account of its administration.

—The Argentine deputies have passed a bill authorizing joint-stock companies to reduce their capital.

—An English sporting paper is to be published at Buenos Aires under the title of *River Plate Sport and Pastime*.

—The passenger and immigrant arrivals at Montevideo last month numbered 748, while the departures were 2,207. There were 253 arrivals from and 388 departures for Brazil.

—The Argentine army, according to the last report, consists of 1,385 officers in active service, and not over 6,498 men. This gives less than five men for each officer. Among the officers are 45 generals and 127 colonels.

—The Argentine government has issued a decree forbidding foreign vessels to undergo operations outside the port after the 1st of August. All vessels, no matter of what draught, must either enter the Madero or La Plata port.

—During the past week the three months *moratorium* to the private banks voted by Congress was first vetoed by President Pellegrini, and then passed over his veto by both chambers. Repudiation is clearly popular among the Argentines.

—From the report of the Argentine Conversion Office it appears that the Cordoba Bank put in circulation notes for \$33,553,795, although its legally authorized circulation was only \$8,000,000. Illegal notes to the amount of \$15,000,000 have been destroyed, but the remainder appear to be still in circulation.

—The *Buenos Aires Herald* says that one of the members of Congress who supports the *moratorium* law has a *pega* for \$40,000 gold due at the end of this month. It also undertakes that not one of the employees of the National Bank has been dismissed; and predicts, therefore, that, by hook or by crook, funds will be provided to keep the National Bank on foot.

—A large number of the leading Buenos Aires merchants assembled at Messrs. Weiskind Fehr & Co.'s on Friday and resolved to present a petition to the Senate asking for the rejection, or reconsideration, of the bill passed by that chamber for the general suspension of payments for six months; should the Senate reject the petition, a similar one will be presented to the Chamber of Deputies, and should the bill pass both chambers the President of the republic will be asked to veto the bill, and, failing this supreme recourse, an undertaking will be signed by the merchants not to buy from or sell to any person on credit who does not agree to disregard the provisions of the law.—*Montevideo Times*, June 16th.

### CONVERSION IN URUGUAY.

The decree providing for the conversion of the small notes and fractional currency of the National Bank of Uruguay, reads as follows:

MINISTRY OF FINANCE.  
Montevideo, May 23, 1891.

On account of the urgent convenience of facilitating small transactions, at present rendered difficult through the scarcity of small change, and the Directorate of the National Bank having communicated that that institution is ready to open conversion to gold of their minor issue, without prejudice to the ulterior measures that may be adopted for the total redemption of the larger issue of the Bank, according to the decree of Jan. 5, 1891, the President of the Republic orders and DECREES:

Art. 1.—From the first of June proximo, the National Bank shall undertake the conversion to gold of its minor emission, consisting of notes of 1, 2, and 5 dollars and of 10, 20 and 50 cents.

Art. 2.—From the same date the above mentioned notes shall be received as metal in all public offices, in conformity with basis 51 of the Law of May 24, 1887.

Art. 3.—Let this be communicated, etc.

HERRERA Y OBES.  
CARLOS M. RAMIREZ.

### LEGISLATIVE NOTES

JUNE 15.—Congress met in joint session and the message from the President of the republic was read.

JUNE 16.—Senate.—After discussing the constitutionality of the joint session of the previous day the Senate proceeded to vote on the rules, which were adopted, with some amendments, in first discussion. *Chamber of Deputies*.—A letter was received from the minister of the interior, who informs the chamber that the government has not succeeded in finding a suitable building for the sittings of the chamber, but that it will continue to exert itself to comply with the wishes of the chamber in this respect. There being no quorum, the opposition deputies accuse the supporters of the government of absconding themselves in order to prevent the chamber from electing its officers.

JUNE 17.—Senate.—The rules were passed in 2nd discussion. *Chamber of Deputies*.—There was still no quorum in this chamber. Deputies Serzedello and Zama renewed the accusations against government deputies of absconding themselves to prevent the organization of the house. The constitution, said the latter, which was promulgated only a few months ago and from which so many benefits were expected, is a dead letter. From the very beginning the government has made a point of violating it, and Brazil is now governed by an autocracy less intelligent and less capable than that of Russia, for the Russian autocrat is stimulated by self-interest to devote himself to the interests of the nation.

JUNE 18.—Senate.—The amendments to the rules, which passed in 2nd discussion, were definitely adopted. *Chamber of Deputies*.—The chamber proceeded to the election of president with the following result:

Matta Machado.....	55
Bernardino de Campos.....	52
Astolpho Pic.....	2
Blank.....	5

It was announced that Deputy Matta Machado had been elected and he took the chair. After the house had voted for first vice-president, Deputy Vinhaes, speaking to order, called attention to the fact that Deputy Matta Machado had not received the votes of a majority of the deputies present, as is required by Art. 39 of the rules. After a debate in which there was a violent altercation between Deputies Vinhaes and Lopes Trovão, the vote was again taken with the following result:

Matta Machado.....	96
Bernardino de Campos.....	5
Astolpho Lobo.....	2
Gonçalves Chaves.....	2
Blank.....	13

Deputy Joo Lopes was elected 1st vice-president.

JUNE 19.—Senate.—The senate elected its officers and committees. The result of the election for vice-president was as follows:

Prudente de Moraes.....	24
Braz Carneiro.....	14
Q. Boaynuva.....	1
Salubina Marinho.....	1
Elyseo Martins.....	1

*Chamber of Deputies*.—Deputy Zama moved to appoint a committee of three to draft an answer to the President's message. While defending his motion, he was interrupted by Deputy Lopes Trovão, who said: "Ex. is trying to draw us into a little bit into parliamentary government."—"The noble Deputy," answered the speaker, "interrupts my intention perfectly."—"He is doing more good," said Deputy Custodio de Melho, "than many original republicans."—"The chamber refused to grant leave for the immediate discussion of the motion. Deputy Barbosa Lima laid before the house a memorial from the legislature of Goyaz and presented the following motion:—"The Chamber of Deputies, in the exercise of the power derived from Art. 41 of the constitution and cognizant of the illegal adjournments that have delayed the organization of the state of Goyaz, calls upon the President of the republic to put an end to the abusive intervention of his delegate in the affairs of that state, and expresses its astonishment that the chief magistrate of the republic should so soon forget his promise to observe the constitution." Leave being asked for the immediate discussion of this motion, the question was put to the vote with the following result:—Ayes 60; nays 47. As by the temporary rules, leave for immediate discussion depends on the vote of two-thirds of the members voting, it was consequently not granted.

JUNE 20.—Senate.—Petitions were presented for permission to proceed criminally against Senator José Hygino for an infraction of the law against dueling, and for compulsory *monte pio* enforced elsewhere among public employees he extended to himself. Among public petitions were also presented for the appointment of two special commissioners, one to frame a general federal election law, the other to define the illegal acts of the President and determine the mode of accusation and trial. A motion to solicit the government for the papers relatives to the Missions treaty was adopted. The draft of a law prohibiting the accumulation of federal and state offices was presented by Sr. Ray Barbosa. *Chamber of Deputies*.—The question of formulating a reply to the speech from the throne was again brought up, but without conclusion. Sr. Serzedello addressed the Chamber in regard to recent occurrences in Pará, attacking the government for illegal and arbitrary conduct, and presenting a formal request for information in regard to the matter. The petition was laid on the table for further discussion. Sr. Vinhaes presented a request for information as to the contract just celebrated for sanitary works in this city, which he considers scandalous and calumnious. The Chamber was then closed for lack of quorum.

### PROVINCIAL NOTES

—The gunboat *Bracconot* has been ordered from Bahia to Pará.

—The Piahy legislature has adjourned to September 9th.

—The constitution of Ceará was promulgated on the 16th.

—The legislature of Maranhão elected a governor of that state on the 15th.

—The powder factory in Pará has been closed by order of the government.

—Nickel is so scarce in S. Paulo that a 2 per cent. commission is paid for it.

—They are raising money in Bahia to build a monument to perpetuate the 2nd July.

—Telegrams from Pará state that many of the opposition leaders are leaving for Europe.

—It is reported that there have been cases of cannibalism in the drought-stricken districts of Bahia.

—According to the recent census, the population of Natal, capital of Rio Grande do Norte, is 8,780.

—It is stated that 14 officers and 88 privates of the police corps are implicated in the revolt in Pará.

—The inauguration of Gen. Cesario Alvim, president of Minas Geraes, took place on the 18th inst.

—Notes of 500 reis, 1\$ and 2\$ are very scarce in Rio Grande do Sul and have been selling at a premium of 10 to 20 per cent.

—The governor of Paraná, who is a member of the federal Senate, has obtained permission from the legislature to absent himself from the state.

—The governor of Ceará has given remunerated offices to 15 members of the legislature of that state. This is very unjust to the remaining nine.

—The constitution of Minas Geraes was promulgated on the 15th and ex-minister Cesario Alvim was elected president of the state.

—The vessel *Hugh Fortinaco*, bound from Savannah to Macé, put in at Maranhão on the 18th inst. with a maling on board.

—The constitution of Minas Geraes prohibits the granting of exclusive privileges in that state until after the subject has been regulated by law. Good!

—Several telegrams have been received from Montevideo in regard to political disturbances in Rio Grande do Sul, all of which are more or less unreliable.

—The constitution of Pernambuco was promulgated on the 17th inst. and, as had been expected, Barão de Lucena was elected governor of that state.

—It is stated that the opposition leaders, who are reported to be leaving Pará, are not going of their own free will, but are deported by the governor.

—The police delegate of Campinas has written to the chief of police of S. Paulo asking for 200 policemen in that city. Campinas must be becoming a very disorderly town.

—A Pará telegram of the 22nd announces the formal promulgation of the constitution of that state by the constituent assembly. The election of governor occurs to-day. With the opposition broken and in disgrace, the result can easily be foreseen.

—A Pará telegram of the 22nd states that it is reported Governor Barcelar has decreed the judicial organization of that state and has appointed the judges for the district and supreme courts. The cloak of the dictator is apparently too good to throw away.

—The pilots on the Rio Grande bar are complaining of their pay, and with justice. They receive only 170\$ per month for 1st-class, 130\$ for 2nd-class and 85\$ for 3rd-class men. For so dangerous an occupation as that of the pilot this is certainly very poor pay.

—Gov. Portella has decreed that the state of Rio de Janeiro shall be represented at the Chicago exhibition and has authorized the application of 30,000\$ to preliminary expenses. It would be interesting to know where the governor derives his authority for such a decree.

—The governor of Pará has closed the offices of the *Democrata* and *Diário do Grão-Pará*, opposition newspapers published in the capital of that state. It is also said to have deported several leaders of the opposition. This is another sample of the liberties secured by the revolution.

—The governor of Pará has telegraphed to the government on the 16th, stating that the plan of the revolutionists had been to cause a rising of the people in different parts of the state. He says that, while relying on the resources at his disposal he requires assistance from the government. He has dissolved the police corps and ordered the officers to be tried by court-martial. Several arrests had been made, but Veiga Cabral, said to be the principal instigator of the rising in the capital, was still at large.

—In the municipal district of Carmo, state of Rio de Janeiro, there is a justice of the peace who doesn't wish to serve. This case has perplexed Governor Portella, who, being willing to serve as governor for seven or even to years, can not understand how anyone can be so derelict in the performance of his duty, and he has accordingly written to the minister of justice to know what he is to do about it. The minister answers that a bird that can sing and won't sing must be made to sing. Why, certainly, the country, as Dr. José Avelino sentimentally remarks, demands examples of self-denial and, if there is no other way of making that justice serve, by all means circulate among Portella's legislators a paper requesting him to do so. If the thing worked with Fonseca Hernes, why shouldn't it work with this justice of the peace?

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—A freight train was derailed at the station of Apparecida on the S. Paulo and Rio line on the 22nd, owing to a misplaced switch. The obstruction was removed with much difficulty, causing a delay of about nine hours in the regular express.

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—A telegram published in the *Journal do Commercio* on the 20th states that the Argentine government had approved the purchase of the railway from Rosario to Achá by the Empresa de Obras Publicas de Rio. The telegram gives us to understand that there is no interest guarantee on the road.



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